



**E**dward, Duke of Somerset, Erle of Hertford, Viscount Beauchamp, Lorde Seymour, Gouernoz of the persone of the Kynges Maiestie of Englande, and Protector of all his Realmes, Dominions, and subiectes, his lieutenant generall of all his armies, bothe by land and by sea, Treasorer and Erle Marshall of Englande, Gouernoz of the Isles of Cernsey and Jersey, and knight of the moste noble orde of the Cartier : To all the nobles and gentlemen of the Realme of Scotlande, and the common people of thesame, gretynge. Whereas the moste victo-

rious Prince of famous memorie Kyng Henry the .viii. our late soueraigne Lorde now decessed, and the Erle of Arrayn, Gouernoz of the Realme of Scotlande, with thaduisse and consent of you in Parliamēt, considerynge what gracious oportunitie and meane, the almightie and liuyng God had then sent (as he yet doth) to appease the wrath, displeasure and enemitie, whiche rather by the prouocation of others then of our awne inclinacions, beyng bothe of one discent of blood, and of one language, and by the main seas seperated from all other nacions, had of long tyme continued emonges vs one against the other, thought it moste expedient, aswell to the glozie of God and his holy wooorde, thonoꝝ and suretie of bothe the Princes of Englande and Scotlande, and the weale and benefite of their Realmes and Subiectes, that the Kynges Maiestie our soueraigne Lorde that now is, should take to wife the Quenes grace your Maiestres. We vpon the foresaied Godly considerations, thinkynge the effecte thereof meete to be folowed, and the mariage of bothe Princes, for the weale of bothe the Realmes, the particular comynbitie of eche persone in euery estate, and for the Godly fulfillynge of Gods pleasure, to his glozie moste expedient and necessarie to be perfected and executed, and this goodly occasion that God hath sente, to be of euery honest and true Englishe and Scottishe man, with all his power, harte and will, meete to be embraced, are now vpon greate deliberacion had before hande, with sundery Godly and wise men, aswell of England as of Scotland, come into this realme: not as anemie to the Queene or any of the realme, that mynd the perfection of this peace and coniunction in mariage of bothe Princes, but as a frend and a cōseruator of them (we take God to iudge) and we are come in this maner, whiche pretendeth a force in apparence (but not in deede) onely to defende and maintein the honoꝝ of bothe the Princes and realmes, and by fire and swoorde, to chastice suche as wilbe rebelles to thesame, or go aboute either by practises, assemblyng of armies, or by any other forcible wate or meanes to withstande vs, or to declare themselves against the perfection of the peace, and the mariage of bothe the Princes: For wee mynde by this coniunction of mariage, to doo any moze prejudice to this realme of Scotlande, then to the Realme of Englande, but with thaduisse of the noble men, and good men of bothe the Realmes, to vnite them togeders in one name, by the name of Britons, and in one suche a frendly kynde of liuyng, and suche a libertie and preseruacion of the lawes of Scotlande, with an indifferent administracion of Justice, to eche persone equally, as thei shall well finde, bothe the glozy of God and his wooorde aduanced, the bishop of Romes vsurped iurisdiction abolished, the honoꝝ of bothe the Realmes preserued, and the subiectes of thesame well satisfied and contented: Praying you therfore, and exhortynge you all noble men and good men of this Realme, to ioyne with vs and assaist vs in this behalfe: And we assure you of our honoꝝ, and before God, that whosoever will come into vs, and make vnto vs for their partes, sufficient assurance to the effect aforesaid, we will kyndely and frely accept it, geuyng by vertue hereof, free libertie vnto all suche as will agree to this moste Godly purpose, to entre our Campe: and suche as will byynge vnto vs any kynde of victaill, shall not onely not be endamaged in their persones or gooddes (for we entende to persecute with the extremittie all suche, be thei Englishe or Scottishe, as shall hurte or harme them in body or good, and so we haue notified to all our armie) but also besides their free accesse and conuersacion in our said Campe, thei shall be by speciall orde from vs, truly satisfied and contented for thesame. For we entende to passe amicably (if we be not empeched by theim) without diuastacion of any mannes good or cattell, other then of those, who shall declare themselves repugnauntes, and contrary to the good meanynge aforesaid: and without doyng to the well willers of bothe the Realmes, the least hurte or damage we can, sayynge somewhat in forage, whiche cannot be aduoyded where an armie marcheth.



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